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Notes on Control Stamp Briefing

- I. Purpose of Control Stamps - To control the dissemination and use of intelligence and information.
- II. Effective date of promulgation is 13 February 1955. Whenever it is necessary to control information in addition to the protection provided by a defense classification, control stamps will appear on documents.
- III. These control stamps are as follows:
 1. "NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS." Dissemination limited to U.S. officials. No dissemination of this material will be made to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, including U.S. government employed, utilized or integrated foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, without permission of the originating agency.
 - a. It may be abbreviated "NOFORN".


 2. "NO DISSEM ABROAD." Dissemination limited to the continental United States exclusive of territories and possessions without permission of the originating agency.
 3. "CONTINUED CONTROL." Information may be used in only that finished intelligence which bears the same controls as the information itself.
 4. "BACKGROUND USE ONLY." Information bearing this stamp will not be included in any intelligence publication without permission of the originating agency.

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IV. Control Stamp Appearing on Unclassified Material

"FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" Unclassified information bearing this stamp may be used for official purposes by U.S. departments and agencies. It may be used for official purposes by foreign governments which have been authorized to receive it by the originating agency. This information may be disclosed to non-governmental persons and organizations only with permission of the originating agency.

V. Use in Finished Intelligence

If an item of information bears neither the stamp "BACKGROUND USE ONLY" nor "CONTINUED CONTROL" it may be used in finished intelligence without regard to any control stamps appearing on it, provided that:

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- b. Information in Foreign Service communications and Defense Attache reports is used in paraphrase;
- c. While the producing agency is responsible for the dissemination of its finished intelligence, citation of the documents listed in 5a and 5b, if made, will be removed before release to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens unless permission of the originating agency is obtained.

VI. The official paper setting forth the above control stamps also treats the use of information in digests and summaries. The product, however, for the Agency does not include digests and summaries and therefore references thereto have been omitted. If in the future digests and summaries are produced inquiries

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regarding the application of control stamps should be made to the Agency.

VII. In the event there should be any question as to a possible conflict between control stamps appearing on material issued prior to 13 February 1955 and the control stamps referred to in this paper, such questions should be referred to the Agency.

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